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State Alcohol and Other Drug Technical Review

The Bureau of Substance Abuse Services recently underwent a State Alcohol and Other Drug Technical Review. The review was done by Johnson, Bassin & Shaw, Inc. (JBS), an agency contracted by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). These technical reviews are a fundamental part of CSAT's State Systems Development Program, which is an effort to work with States to successfully meet the challenges facing the public AOD treatment systems. In addition, a second JBS review took place in Milwaukee to assess efforts to develop formal linkages between Substance Abuse, Child Protective, and Welfare to Work Services.

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The Bureau was found compliant in all six core areas prescribed by CSAT. The review was based on criteria from CSAT to measure compliance with the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, which brings in approximately \$24 million each year to Wisconsin Substance Abuse Services. Although the final report will be several months in coming, the exit interviews for both the Core Review in Madison and the State Requested Review in Milwaukee were very positive.

Caregiver Crimes List Modified

Public hearings were held this January in three locations around the state. Effective February 27, 1999, modifications were made to the Crimes List published on October 1, 1998. Additionally a 30-day extension of the Emergency Rules was granted. Target date for implementation of HFS 12 & 13, Permanent Rules is still June 1, 1999. Following are highlights of major changes to Emergency Rules:

HFS 12: Background Checks contain no major changes in the requirements.

Crimes Table and Sanctions.

C The total number of "Permanently Barred" crimes was reduced.

- C** The total number of "Bar with Rehab" crimes was reduced.
- C** The "Lesser Sanction" category will be eliminated through statutory changes.
- C** The "Substantially Related" analysis is to be used on all remaining crimes.
- C** There is an abridged "Crimes Table" available on the DHFS web page.

Rehabilitation Reviews: The requirement for a "Rehabilitation Review" for crimes is sometimes eliminated after the passage of 5 or 10 years following the date of conviction.

C Indian tribes designated by DHFS will be permitted to conduct rehabilitation reviews.
(See **Caregiver** on page 9.)

April: Alcohol Awareness Month

David Satcher, MD, PhD, Surgeon General of the United States, will serve as honorary chair of the 13th annual Alcohol Awareness Month in April 1999. The focus of the 1999 campaign is on binge drinking with the simple message that "Drinking Too Much Too Fast Can Kill You." (See **Awareness** on page 9.)



Guest Page

Thank you to the Department of Corrections MICA Program. For more information about the treatment program, contact Dr. Craig Blumer at 920/231-4010.

Substance Abuse Treatment for the Dually Diagnosed in Wisconsin Corrections

A new substance abuse treatment program has been developed in the Department of Corrections for the treatment of inmates diagnosed with both mental health and substance use disorders. Funded by a federal grant, the Mental Illness-Chemical Abuse (MICA) treatment program accepted its first inmates in October 1997. The 25-bed program is located at Oshkosh Correctional Institution and is designed to take 9-10 months to complete. Participating dually diagnosed men have a substance use disorder as well as a mental diagnosis of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, or delusional disorder. MICA services include psychiatric medication, group therapy, individual therapy, and educational groups in a modified therapeutic community. The program also assists with coordination of aftercare services after graduation from the program. The first group of program graduates successfully completed the program in June 1998. The University of Wisconsin Center for Health Policy and Program Evaluation has received an additional federal grant to assess the effect of treatment on participants after their release from the program.

A Small Dual Diagnosis

I started looking at my life at 15
I wish I died and could start over clean
Being Dual Diagnosed was very mean

The things I did and the things I have done
I had no regard for myself or anyone
Being dual diagnosed was like saying you are all alone
And no one to understand you or to help you stay strong

I hated my life like I hated my crime
But drugs took up most of my time
More of a disabler it was the only thing I
wanted to know
Until I got help for my dual diagnose

Now I can respect myself and many others
Live side by side with all my sisters and brothers

This poem was written by a MICA graduate for his program graduation. Rather than his mental illness and substance use defining his view of himself, the title refers to his new perception of his dual diagnosis as being a real but limited aspect of himself.

The original drawings were provided by two anonymous program participants.



First Report on Needs Assessment released

“Substance Abuse and Need for Treatment Among Arrestees in Wisconsin,” first of five reports from information gathered in the needs assessment study that was completed in 1997, is available. This study had three principal purposes:

- C To document the extent of illicit drug use just prior to jail admission.*
- C To assess the extent of treatment need among arrestees.*
- C To identify the gap between those desiring treatment and those actually receiving treatment.*

The study researchers interviewed 461 adults and 187 juveniles within 48 hours of being “booked” into county jails or detention centers. A sample of Wisconsin counties was selected in order to reflect diverse regions and population densities. The average age of the adults was mid-twenties and juveniles 15. In addition, voluntary drug tests were completed on 193 adults and 74 juveniles in the interviewed sample.

Results of the adult arrestees testing positive for any drug were 39%, adult arrestees testing positive for any drug in Milwaukee: 55%, counties with

medium-sized cities: 33%, and counties with small-sized cities: 18%. Adult arrestees with an AODA dependency disorder were 32%; in terms of treatment experiences for this population: 61% had received treatment at some time, 51% desire treatment now, and 9% were currently receiving treatment.

While the juvenile rate in the Wisconsin study is considered “biased” due to the low rate of juvenile participation, self report data showed that in the past six months 62% had used marijuana, 11% hallucinogens, 9% used a stimulant, 7% used cocaine, 2% heroin and 2% inhalants. For further information and how you can receive a copy of the study summary, contact the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services at (608) 266-2717.

Pathological Gambling Training Program

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling (WCPG) has announced a training program entitled, “Pathological Gambling Training Program.” The program is designed for persons interested in working with problem/compulsive gamblers and their families. The goal is to increase participants' knowledge and skills in the recognition, assessment, diagnosis and treatment of pathological

gambling. This two-phase, 30-hour program is the first stage in the National Gambling Counselor Certification Program. Completion of 30 hours of gambling-specific education allows participants to become eligible as a referral source for the WCPG 800 Helpline. Phase One of the training program was conducted on February 25-26, 1999, and Phase Two on March 25-26, 1999, in Green Bay. For further information, call WCPG at 1-(800) 426-2535.

Y2K Business Contingency Plans Moving Ahead

The Department of Health and Family Services' Y2K web pages (www.dhfs.state.wi.us/y2k) include:

- C Information that is updated on a regular basis.*
- C The Department's “report card” of the various systems.*
- C The status of achieving Y2K compliance.*
- C There is a frequently asked questions (FAQ) section and other information.*

The Bureau has also developed a “BSAS Contingency Plan,” and our plans include ways to continue our business with the field in the event computer downtime requires manual operation. Secretary Leean recently sent a letter to “DHFS

Business Partners,” dated February 15, 1999. Many of you who receive this newsletter also received this letter. Those of you who receive funds from this agency will note that language addressing your compliance with Y2K issues is included in your 1999 contract. If you are one of our business partners and have not received these materials, call (608) 267-7164 and leave that message with your name and phone number.

The Bureau of Substance Abuse Services also plans to address Y2K readiness at the BSAS fall statewide conference in Appleton.

DHFS to Submit Proposal for Tobacco Sales Enforcement Program

The Department of Health and Family Services, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services will submit a proposal to the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for funds to conduct a tobacco sales enforcement program. The program will be a comprehensive, statewide regulatory effort designed to identify retailers who illegally sell tobacco products to underage youth. Working with the FDA, program staff will conduct compliance check activities utilizing minors who will enter

retail establishments and attempt to buy cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. Site inspection reports will be completed and faxed to the FDA, who will follow-up with enforcement activities including warning letters and legal citations. The current plan is to submit a proposal in the Spring of 1999 and have the program staffed and operational in the Fall of 1999.

Managed Care Update

Planning continues in the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) to pilot county-run mental health/alcohol and other drug abuse (MH/AODA) managed care programs. Over the past nine months, work group meetings involving county and DHFS staff, providers, consumers and family members have focused on system and fiscal design. Oversight of this effort is provided by the Blue Ribbon Commission Implementation Advisory Committee appointed by Secretary Leean. Following are the main goals of the demonstration project:

- C Implement the principles outlined in the report of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Mental Health.
- C Incorporate the concept of recovery into the system of care.
- C Increase the emphasis on prevention and early intervention.
- C Increase consumer, family, and advocate involvement at all

levels.

- C Integrate federal, state and local funding for MH/AODA services to create a comprehensive and flexible system of care.
- C Use managed care techniques to improve the quality of care, outcomes of care, accountability for care and realize a reduced rate of growth in expenditures for the state and counties.
- C Better integrate or coordinate a person's physical health care needs with his or her MH/AODA treatment needs.
- C Minimize the difference in access and availability of services that currently exist across the state for target populations.

It is anticipated that two demonstration sites will be selected through a request for proposals (RFP) or request for consideration (RFC) process. Enrollment will be phased in following completion of this process. More information will be available on the DHFS web site (www.dhfs.state.wi.us) as biennial budget discussions proceed. Click on "Programs," then "Long-Term Care," and scroll down to "Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Managed Care Pilots."

SCAODA Reviews Biennial Budget Proposal

One of the mandates of the State

Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) is to review and make recommendations regarding the plans, budgets and operations of all state alcohol and drug abuse programs. The SCAODA reviewed state agency budget proposals from the Departments of Corrections, Health and Family Services, Justice, Public Instruction and Transportation during its December 4, 1998 meeting. Among proposals endorsed, are the following:

- C Funding for pilot Treatment Alternative Programs for individuals with multiple convictions for operating vehicles while intoxicated (OWI).
- C Medicaid coverage for AODA residential treatment.
- C Consolidation of categorical AODA programs to provide school districts with greater flexibility in developing projects.
- C Additional funding to combat the spread of methamphetamine abuse in Wisconsin.

Following the release in mid-February of the Governor's budget, final recommendations will be made by SCAODA to the Legislature.

The Planning and Funding, Diversity, and Intervention and Treatment Committees of SCAODA hosted a well-attended open forum on November 16, 1998, just prior to the opening of the BSAS statewide meeting in LaCrosse. Discussion centered around the following:

- C Lack of access to AODA services for persons with disabilities.
- C Concern about caregiver background checks.
- C Need for minority training.

BSAS Snapshot



Gordy Brandt

Position: Program Resource Coordinator

Years of Service: 37 years, 25 in AODA services.

Services to Field: Gordy has served on numerous workgroups, provided fiscal and programmatic technical consultation for agencies with grants, contracts, and ensured that state and federal policies and procedures regarding use of funds are adhered to. In addition, Gordy is the district chairperson for youth AODA prevention programming in the community Lions' Quest Program.

Personal Goals for AODA in the next year: To provide accurate information regarding financial resources available to meet programming needs. Also, to

assist in the accurate recording of information specific to services provided and costs important to these areas.

Multi-state Partnership Training Grant from CSAT

The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) has awarded a three-year grant to the University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, to form a training center on addictions for Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin. The new *Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (GLATTC)* will be a university-based resource for substance abuse treatment providers, medical care providers, criminal justice entities and others who work with large numbers of addicted individuals.

The project grant allows for the development of an addiction training center that truly advances the field of addiction technology for our region. GLATTC is one of 13 Addiction Technology Transfer Centers across the country, all of which will work together to share resources and curricula.

The project is in its start-up phase, and initial trainings will begin this summer. For further information, please contact Oren Hammes, BSAS, (608) 266-3145 or Lonneta Albright, GLATTC project director, at (312) 996-

4450.



WWEN Begins STAR Project

The Wisconsin Women's Empowerment Network (WWEN), a project of the

Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, has begun work on their new **STAR** (Sharing Treatment and Recovery for women) project. **STAR** goals include:

- C The development of regional points of contact (resource desks), which will facilitate women with substance abuse issues receiving a continuum of services.
- C Form coalitions and local community groups consisting of recovering women, family members, policy makers, professionals, and other interested persons to strategize and implement activities that will alter cultural attitudes toward women with substance abuse issues.
- C Develop, expand, and enhance women's recovery networks.

To date, four resource desks have been established around the state with three more in process for operation by the end of 1999.

If you are interested in information about participating in the **STAR** Project, contact Darcy DiStefano, project coordinator, at (608) 263-9768.

META House Receives Federal Grant

A three-year, \$2.25 million grant from the federal government has been awarded to Meta House to provide new services to families affected by maternal substance abuse, according to Francine Feinberg, Psy.D., Executive Director of Meta House, Our Home Foundation, Inc. This grant will assist Meta House in opening its Family Care Center to operate **FamilyWorks**, a new outpatient/day treatment program for substance abusing women and their children.

"This grant addresses the gap that now exists between access to appropriate and adequate substance abuse treatment and success within the welfare reform and child welfare systems," said Dr. Feinberg. The grant will enable Meta House to expand its program to serve many more families who, because of their substance abuse problems, have been unable to be successful in W-2 and child welfare.

FamilyWorks will include life, parenting and job skills development, and comprehensive case management. This strong case management emphasis is the key to providing the consistency

needed for women to succeed. The case manager will work with the staffs of the W-2 and child welfare agencies to assist the women to meet the requirements of both systems, while receiving the necessary treatment and support for their lifelong recovery from addiction and substance abuse.

Georgia's Garden: A Women's Recovery House

"*Georgia's Garden* exists to give women the time out they need to focus on self and to learn how to reach their fullest potential in sobriety," says Sarah Groth, President of *Georgia's Garden*, in her announcement of the opening of a privately-funded Women's Recovery House in Windsor, Wisconsin. *Georgia's Garden* is licensed by the State of Wisconsin as a Community Based Residential Facility, is a nonprofit organization and will provide housing, support and counseling for adult women who have completed primary treatment for alcohol and drug dependency or codependency. At the present time, *Georgia's Garden* is accepting only private-pay clients. For further information, call *Georgia's Garden* at (608) 846-1625.

Transitions

LOWELL K. (GOOCH) JENKINS, Human Resource Coordinator with BSAS, has retired from state service. Lowell was well known for his involvement with minority counselor training and certification efforts among his other projects.

SUSAN ENDRES joined the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services on March 1. She will work with the Minority Training Project.

JAMIE MCCARVILLE joined the Bureau on March 1 as the Substance Abuse Disabilities Coordinator (the position formerly held by Al Buss). Jamie previously worked with the Department of Natural Resources.

GERIN RIVER has joined BSAS as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow and will work on establishing a statewide mentoring initiative. Gerin has been an AmeriCorps volunteer with Operation Fresh Start in Madison.

CHRIS HENDRICKSON was recently appointed Director of the Bureau of Community Mental Health. Chris has worked in the mental health field since 1991 and served as the Interim Director of BCMH for over a year. Chris was a key staff member in developing the recommendations to redesign Wisconsin's mental health services by the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Mental Health.

MICHAEL MILLER, MD, FASAM, has been elected Secretary of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). Dr. Miller is Director of

Behavioral Services at Madison's Meriter Hospital and was on the development team of the Bureau's Uniform Placement Criteria.

LEON D. YOUNG, Representative from the 13th legislative district, has been appointed to the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. Representative Young replaces Representative Tammy Baldwin who was elected to Congress.

DAVID L. SCHUMACHER, Department of Transportation, State Patrol, will represent the Department of Transportation on the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, replacing

William Singletary, who retired from state service.

Conferences

April 12-14, 1999. WAAODA 33rd Annual Spring Conference, *Tools of the Trade*, will take place at the Best Western Midway Hotel in Green Bay Wisconsin. Keynote speaker: Bill Moyers, "Moyers on Addiction: Close to Home."

April 14, 15, 16, 1999. *Together for Children*, 12th Annual Wisconsin Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect. Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI. Keynote speaker: Shirley S. Abrahamson, Chief Justice, Wisconsin Supreme Court. Registration is through the UW-Stevens Point Extension Office of Outreach Education, 103 Main Bldg., 2100 Main St., Stevens Point, WI 54481-3897. Phone: (715) 346-3838 or 1-

(800) 898-9472.

April 19 and April 20, 1999. UW-Madison presents two of Bill Borchardt's most popular workshops: *Anger Redefined: Myths, misconceptions and methods of change* (April 19) and *Strategies for Working with Difficult Clients: Meeting and beating client resistances* (April 20). Workshops will be held at The Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street, Madison, WI. Fee for each workshop is \$85. For information on registration, contact UW-Extension Registrations, (608) 262-1397 or TDD (608) 265-2370.

April 26, 27, 28, 1999. UW-Madison's Division of Continuing Studies is sponsoring a three-part series entitled "*Pharmacology of Drugs of Abuse*." The presenter is Tom Nelson, RPh., the pharmacy clinical coordinator at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Participants may register for one, two or all three days. Costs are \$85 per day or \$245 for all three. For information on how to register, call UW-Extension Registration at (608) 262-7942 or TDD (608) 265-2370.

April 27-29, 1999. The state Division of Supportive Living is presenting *Aging & Disabilities 1999: Cultivating Individual & Community Growth*, a joint conference of Wisconsin Aging Network, Developmental Disabilities, Long Term Support, Mental Health, Physical Disabilities, Substance Abuse Services and WISTECH. The conference will be held at the

Marriott Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin. April 27 is designed for Intensives & Meetings and April 28 and 29 will include over 60 workshops as well as plenary presentations by Robert Silverstein, George Washington University, Washington, DC, and Robert Applebaum, PhD, Scripps Gerontology Center, Miami University of Oxford, OH. For registration information, contact Southeastern Agency on Aging, (414) 821-4444 or e-mail: aging@execpc.com

April 28-30, 1999. The 11th Annual Conference on Adolescents and Families, *Reclaiming Youth*, will be held in Cable, Wisconsin, at Lakewoods Resort. The conference will focus on Substance Abuse, Youth and Native American Cultural Issues, Resiliency, Errors in Thinking, Play Therapy, and Compulsive Gambling, among other workshops. Registration for the full 2 ½ day conference is \$110. After April 15 there will be an additional \$10 for late registration. Information on registration is available from Bradley Jahr at (715) 822-4747. Limited scholarship funds are available from the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and may be requested on the registration form.

May 14 & 15, 1999. First Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference: *"Help, Hope & Harmony"* through education, awareness & prevention, at the Holiday Inn, Stevens Point. Workshops include Senior Gambling, Adolescent Gambling, Alcohol/Drug

Addiction and Problem Gambling, among other topics of addiction and recovery. Registration received after April 4 or on-site is \$150. Contact the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, (920) 437-888, for information on registration. The brochure cautions that "Space is limited, immediate response is advised."

June 27-30, 1999. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration presents the second national conference on *Women: Life Pathways: Women Healing, Thriving, and Celebrating*. The conference will be held in Los Angeles at the Wilshire Grand (formerly the Omni Los Angeles Hotel). Major conference issue areas include Women and their Families, HIV/AIDS, Women and the Workplace, Violence, Research, Senior Women's Issues among other topics. Check the SAMHSA website for registration information (www.samhsa.gov/Women/comptoc.htm) or telephone (202) 973-8657, toll free: 1(877) 279-1539.

July 18-22, 1999. The Michigan Department of Community Health and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, and in cooperation with training providers in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, are presenting the *45th Summer Midwest Institute*, in Madison, Wisconsin. Four-day workshops offered are: Fundamentals of SA, Counseling Theories/Techniques, Counseling the Criminal Justice SA Client,

Assessment, Treatment and Discharge Planning and Pharmacology/ Psychopharmacology. In addition there are two-day workshops on Violence, Adolescents, Clinical Supervision, Mental Health Issues for SA professionals and the Resistant Client.

Scholarships are available to defray the cost of the Institute. To receive a copy of the brochure (which will be available by mid-May), send your name, address and daytime phone to Deborah Powers, BSAS, 1 W. Wilson St., Room 434; PO Box 7851, Madison, WI 53707; e-mail address powerdj@dhfs.state.wi.us or

Save the Date

call (608) 266-9218.

September 16, 1999. Mark your calendars for Windmills II, *Reality and Resources*, SA Treatment Protocols for People with Co-Existing Physical, Sensory & Cognitive Disabilities, sponsored by the Wisconsin Alcohol, Drug and Disability Association, Inc. (WADDA) and the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services. The event will be held in Madison, Wisconsin at the Holiday Inn East. For further information on how to register, contact WADDA at (715) 359-3471 Voice/TTY, 1-(800) 359-5826 Voice/TTY or e-mail: wadda@juno.com

October 11 & 12, 1999. The

BSAS 5th Annual Statewide Meeting on Substance Abuse will be held at the Paper Valley Inn, Appleton. BSAS is open to suggestions from the field for themes and workshops. Exhibit space will be available. For more information, contact Marcia Daly at (608) 266-1255, FAX (608) 266-1533 or e-mail: dalymm@dhfs.state.wi.us

Caregiver (from page 1.)

HFS 13: Reporting Caregiver Misconduct

C Definitions Revised for Abuse and Neglect focus on intentional acts outside entity policy and procedure or care plan, done with intent to cause physical, mental, or emotional pain or injury.

The revised Crimes List is part of the proposed permanent rules that will replace the emergency rules. For further information on rule changes via the Internet, the address is www.dhfs.state.wi.us/caregiver/index.htm or contact Linda Dawson in the Department's Office of Legal Counsel at (608) 266-0355.

New E-Mail Service from Join Together

Join Together, a national resource for communities fighting substance abuse and gun violence, and a project of the Boston University School of Public Health, has launched "JTO

Direct," an e-mail service that contains up-to-date information on "Top Funding & National News." It is a free subscription service that works with "Join Together Online" (www.join-together.org), home to over 22,000 substance abuse and gun violence-related articles. "If you don't have time to surf the web," says JTO Online Director, Chris Cartter, "JTO Direct makes sure that the information you need is delivered to your in-box."

JTO Direct is a personalized service, each day sending summaries of the nation's top news stories and latest research, and funding news to help organizations raise money (it includes foundation profiles, grant announcements, full text of Federal Register announcements, coverage of innovative fund-raising practices, and valuable news and tips.

Online registration (and information) is available at www.jointogether.org/about/jto-direct/email/frameset.html

Awareness

(from page 1.)

A 1997 survey indicated that one in five college students binge drinks frequently. Alcohol Awareness Month, sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) since 1987, encourages local communities to focus on America's most intractable drug problem among youth. According to the 1997 survey (conducted by

the Harvard School of Public Health), the percentage of one in five has increased slightly since 1993 despite several highly publicized alcohol poisoning deaths and incidents of alcohol-related fatal injury on campuses throughout the country. High school seniors also binge drink in alarming numbers: the percentage of seniors downing five or more drinks in a row in the two-week period prior to being surveyed rose from 27.5% in 1993 to 31.3% in 1998.

Kits to help communities observe Alcohol Awareness Month are available from NCADD at a small cost. Check NCADD's web site to see details on this campaign as well as others in the future. Their web address is: www.ncadd.org and then select "Awareness Activities."

Milwaukee "Helpline" Address Change

"Helpline," a confidential 24-hour switchboard, a program operated by the Milwaukee Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, has a new PO Box number. Their address is HELPLINE, P.O. Box 14083, Milwaukee, WI 53214-0083. The HELPLINE telephone number is (414) 271-3123. There are volunteer opportunities and training available. For information on becoming a HELPLINE volunteer, call (414)

276-8487.

Publications

“Identifying Substance Abuse in the Primary Care Setting: What To Look For . . . What To Ask . . . What To Do”

is a brochure produced by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA, Department of Health and Human Services. Copies are available from the National Clearinghouse on Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at (800) 729-6686 or (301) 468-2600, TDD (800) 487-4889. This material reflects content from Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) 24, A Guide to Substance Abuse.

What's New on the Web

The Department of Health and Family Services' web site has a new look. To improve navigation, the site now has more direct links on the homepage and major sub-pages. These links allow users to find information more quickly. In addition, the new site utilizes a tab-based menu structure on the top banner, which replaces the side menu bar on the old version. You may connect with the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, or other DHFS areas of interest, on: **www.dhfs.state.wi.us**. Select the “Programs” tab and then “Substance Abuse Services.” Please bear with us as we update links that may have lost in the journey. Be sure and let us know if you receive an error message instead of a link to information

you have selected.

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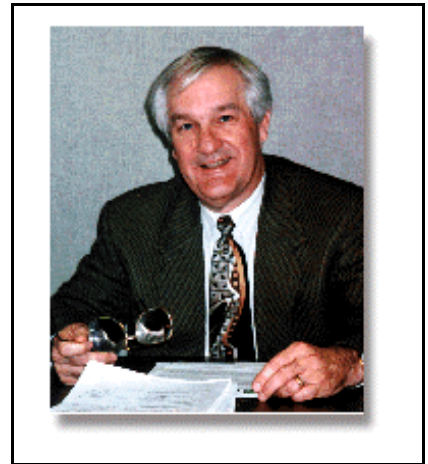
The Bureau of Substance Abuse Services in the Department of Health and Family Services' Division of Supportive Living endeavors to increase the quantity and improve the quality of prevention, intervention and treatment programs serving persons with substance abuse problems and their families; improve coordination among state agencies and within DHFS having responsibilities for substance abuse services; and improve substance abuse work force training and development.

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**Summer Issue Deadline
May 1, 1999**

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to share with you information regarding the Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (GLATTC). I wish to go into a bit more detail than we have in the article on page 5. GLATTC is a multi-state partnership whose leadership includes the directors of each of the single state agencies for substance abuse in Wisconsin, Ohio and Illinois.

The project, under a three-year grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, will include the participation of addictions leaders and practitioners throughout the region, both as trainers and as training participants. Housed at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, the project will operate in close collaboration with the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (MATEC), which for ten years has served as a central training resource on AIDS and HIV for the midwest region. It also functions with the assistance of Illinois TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities) and Loyola University-Chicago, which will lead GLATTC's Center for Excellence in Criminal Justice.

The grant will allow us to develop an addiction training center that truly advances the field of addiction technology for our region. If you would like further background on the history, mission and accomplishments of the ATTCs, the national coordinating center in Kansas City has created a web site with this information, along with linkages to each of the ATTC web sites nationally. You can find the site at www.nattc.org.

In brief, the aims of GLATTC are to:

- C Improve basic addictions treatment
- C Use biological research to improve treatment
- C Develop culturally-competent treatment
- C Confront addictions in public health and criminal justice systems
- C Integrate community-based treatment with managed care

The project is in its start-up phase, and we anticipate that trainings will be available this summer. Further information on GLATTC will become available over the next several months through a project web site, mailings and other newsletters. In the meantime, should you have any questions about GLATTC, please feel free to call Oren Hammes, BSAS, at (608) 266-3145 or Lonneta Albright, GLATTC project director, at (312) 996-4450.

Again, I am delighted to share this news with you. I think this is an unique opportunity for Wisconsin, and I hope you will join us as the project moves forward.

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"Substance Abuse."

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